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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of information consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council resolution 1988/77

DRAFT DECISION I

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/92 of 16 December 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993, decides:

(a) That the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994 should be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme: "An agenda for development";

(b) That the high-level segment with ministerial participation should be held from 27 to 29 June 1994.

DRAFT DECISION II

Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994

The Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e), of its decision 1992/217 of 30 April 1992, decides that the coordination segment should be devoted to consideration of the following themes:

(a) Science and technology for development;

(b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

DRAFT DECISION III

Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council (27 June-29 July 1994)

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 1994 and 1995, 1/ approves the following provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

High-level segment

2. An agenda for development.

Coordination segment

3. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   (a) Science and technology for development;

   (b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

   (c) Implementation of the agreed conclusions on the themes of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council.

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

4. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

   (a) United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund;

   (b) United Nations Children's Fund;

   (c) World Food Programme.

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General segment

5. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

(a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance;

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

(d) Human rights questions;

(e) Advancement of women;

(f) Social development questions;

(g) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(h) Narcotic drugs;

(i) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(j) Cultural development;

(k) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

6. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

(a) Sustainable development;

(b) Cooperation in fisheries in Africa;

(c) Trade and development;

(d) Food and agricultural development;

(e) Transnational corporations;

(f) Natural resources;

(g) Energy;

(h) Population questions;

(i) Statistics;

(j) Cartography;

(k) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait;

(l) Public administration and finance;

(m) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

7. Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields.

8. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

9. Coordination questions:

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

(b) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

(c) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields.

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

DRAFT DECISION IV

Regional cooperation

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its substantive session of 1994, under the item entitled "Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields", in pursuance of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, the question of regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

DRAFT DECISION V

Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies

A. Report of the Trade and Development Board

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its substantive session of 1994 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its fortieth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the report of the Board on the first part of its forty-first session.

B. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1993.

DRAFT DECISION VI

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1995

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1995:

A. High-level segment

[Item/items to be selected]

B. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes: (General Assembly resolution 45/264)

(a) [Theme/themes to be selected]

(b) Implementation of the agreed conclusions on the themes of the 1994 coordination segment of the Council

C. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 47/199) 2/

(a) United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162)

Technical cooperation activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 3/

United Nations Capital Development Fund (General Assembly resolutions 2186 (XXI) and 2321 (XXII)) 3/

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (Council resolution 1762 (LIV))

United Nations Volunteers programme (General Assembly resolution 33/84) 3/

(b) United Nations Children's Fund

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 802 (VIII) and 48/162)

(c) World Food Programme

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX))

(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) 2/

2/ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

3/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1995.

D. General segment

Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

(a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 48/91)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)) 2/

(d) Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee (art. 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) 2/

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Review of the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

(e) Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (art. 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-ninth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (LXI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development (Council resolution 1989/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/109 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas 2/

(f) Social development questions

Interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56) 2/

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolution 10 (III))

Draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond (Council resolution 1993/24) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress made and problems encountered in the quest to achieve a literate world (General Assembly resolution 46/93) 2/

(g) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (Council resolutions 1745 (LIV) and 1990/51)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fourth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Council resolution 1993/32)

(h) Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (art. 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, art. 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and art. 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(i) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 2/

Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions:

World Economic Survey 1995

(a) Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its third session (Council decision 1993/207) 2/

(b) Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) 2/

(c) Food and agricultural development

Report of the World Food Council (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)) 4/

(d) Science and technology for development

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its second session (Council decision 1992/218)

(e) Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twenty-first session (Council resolution 1913 (LVII))

(f) International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the International Conference on Population and Development (Council resolution 1991/93)

(g) Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 33/162 and 43/181) 2/

4/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1995.

(h) Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the Programme's activities in environmental monitoring (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 48/192) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173) 2/

(i) Desertification and drought

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 32/172 and 40/209 and Council resolution 1978/37) 2/

(j) Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7 and 1993/50)

(k) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-ninth session

(l) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Council resolution 1993/51) 2/

(m) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made during the first half of the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 45/181) 2/

(n) Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L))

Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1993/60)

Coordination questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fifth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1995, including the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes (Council resolutions 13 (III) and 1980/103)

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV))

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University for 1994 3/

Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields:

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

(b) Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields for the biennium 1996-1997

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

DRAFT DECISION VII

Enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its substantive session of 1994, under agenda item 1, the question of the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

DRAFT DECISION VIII

Dates of the special session of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council decides that the special session of the Statistical Commission, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 22 to 25 February 1994, will be held from 11 to 15 April 1994.

DRAFT DECISION IX

Dates of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council decides that the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which was to have been held at Vienna from 11 to 20 April 1994, will be held from 13 to 22 April 1994.

DRAFT DECISION X

Dates of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Economic and Social Council decides that the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 16 to 27 May or to 3 June 1994, will be held from 16 May to _____ 1994, with the high-level segment to take place on _____.

DRAFT DECISION XI

Dates and venue of the seventeenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination

The Economic and Social Council decides that the seventeenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, which was to have been held at Geneva in the second half of 1994, will be held at Headquarters from 6 to 9 September 1994.

DRAFT DECISION XII

Dates of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Economic and Social Council decides that the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, which was to have been held in the second half of 1993, will be held in the second half of 1995.

DRAFT DECISION XIII

Dates of the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

The Economic and Social Council decides to waive the provisions of its resolutions 1982/50 of 28 July 1982, paragraph 1 (1), and 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, paragraph 2 (f) (i), and to authorize that the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations be held at Geneva from 2 to 11 May 1994.

DRAFT DECISION XIV

Dates of the resumed organizational session of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

The Economic and Social Council decides that its resumed organizational session for 1994, which was to have been held at Headquarters on 12 and 13 May 1994, will be held on 19 and 20 April 1994.